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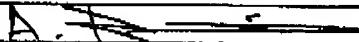
## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Application Number	09/812,617
Filing Date	03/19/2001
First Named Inventor	Wang
Title	Fiber Optic Switch using Galvanometer-Driven X-Y Scanning
Group Art Unit	2882
Examiner Name	Suchecki, Krystyna
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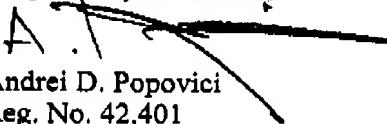
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10 This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed 11/10/2003.

The Office Action mailed 11/10/2003 states that the "prior art fails to teach or suggest an optical switch or system, or method for switching, comprising an input fiber collimator in combination with output fiber collimators that are coupled to each other by galvanometer driven scanning means as claimed with the other limitations." Applicants note that the present optical switch/system claims do not recite "galvanometer driven scanning means," but rather galvanometers, mirrors, and/or galvanometer-driven scanners, which are structures not subject to construction under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph.

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